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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO US BY ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRY

- 1. ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRY AXON J. SOKO INFORMED US HE WILL BE IN LIMA ON BUSINESS NOVEMBER 13-16 AND AFTERWARD GO TO US "FOR A FEW DAYS", PROBABLY WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17-23. TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT HEAD OFFICES OF AMERICAN FIRMS REPRESENTED IN ZAMBIA WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO RECEIVE HIM, SOKO CONFIRMED SUCH MEETINGS WOULD BE AGREEABLE WITH HIM. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THOSE AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH WOULD LIKE TO SET UP MANUFACTURING PLANTS IN ZAMBIA. SOKO ALSO AGREEABLE TO SPEAKING TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK ABOUT INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN ZAMBIA, IF INVITED TO DO SO.
- 2. AS MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRY, ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, EXPECTED ASSUME MAJOR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF JUNE 30 ECONOMIC REFORMS, RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MAJOR INVESTORS IN ZAMBIA SUCH AS MOBIL, CALTEX, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOGETHER PROGRAM OF APPOINTMENTS FOR SOKO. WOULD HOPE THAT SENIOR AF BUREAU OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EXIM AND OPIC MIGHT ALSO BE AVAILABLE MEET WITH SOKO TO EXPLORE HIS VIEWS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN CURRENT ZAMBIAN CLIMATE TO ENCOURAGE OR AT LEAST TO REASSURE EXISTING AND POTENTIAL AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTORS.

3. WHEN DEPARTMENT HAS PROGRAM PROPOSAL WORKED OUT, PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY SO WE CAN DISCUSS FURTHER WITH SOKO. LATTER HAS ASKED THAT PROGRAM ALSO BE COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR MWALE IN WASHINGTON. WILKOWSKI

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